

**Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)**  
**for**  
**EA No. OR128-00-18**

**Background**

The Bureau of Land Management, Coos Bay District (BLM) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzing the effects and the effectiveness of methods for restoring wildlife habitat trees and down logs to mid and late-seral stands (generally > 50 years of age). Target stands are in Reserve areas on BLM-administered lands in the Middle Fork and East Fork of the Coquille River. The Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan, Watershed Analyses, and the South Coast - Northern Klamath Late-Successional Reserve Assessment provide management goals for snag and down log habitat. Widespread inventories for snags and down logs in the Myrtlewood Resource Area have documented that many areas are below management goals for these structures. EA No. OR128-00-18 describes the Proposed Action, Alternative 1, and the No Action Alternative together with the effects of each. The project is planned for implementation in FY2000 - 2010.

The EA is tiered to the *Coos Bay District Final Proposed Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement* (BLM, September 1994) and the accompanying *Record of Decision* (BLM, May 1995), the *Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (Interagency, February 1994), its *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl*, and its accompanying *Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (Interagency, April 1994).

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the Aquatic Conservation Strategy (ACS) objectives as described in the Standards and Guidelines of the Northwest Forest Plan. Watershed Analysis (WA) has been completed for most of the areas within the Middle and East Forks of the Coquille River, and the objectives of this EA are in compliance with the recommendations listed in the WA. The WA are hereby incorporated by reference.

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The Proposed Action is designed to accomplish the desired objective while minimizing adverse impacts. The Environmental Consequences described in the EA are based on research, professional judgement, and the experiences of the interdisciplinary team members. The Proposed Action is expected to cause no significant adverse impacts to the human environment. There would be no negative impacts on:

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| 1. Air Quality                             | 8. Hazardous Materials & Solid Wastes |
| 2. Areas of Critical Environmental Concern | 9. Wilderness Values                  |
| 3. Prime or Unique Farmlands               | 10. Cultural & Historic Values        |
| 4. Native American Religious Concerns      | 11. Noxious Weeds                     |
| 5. Wild and Scenic Rivers                  | 12. Water Quality                     |
| 6. Floodplains                             | 13. Wetlands and Riparian Zones       |
| 7. T&E Species                             |                                       |

Some minor impacts to forest resources and public safety are expected to occur and are addressed in the EA.

**Determination**

On the basis of the information contained in the EA, and all other information available to me, it is my determination that the Proposed Action does not constitute a major Federal Action affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is unnecessary and will not be prepared.

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